



Trenton COVID-19 Info Sharing Meeting Notes
March 20, 2020 1 pm

Info Included in Presentation and Sent by Participants

- **Key Sites for Info**
 - CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
 - NJDOH - <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
 - NJDOH Dashboard - https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml
 - City of Trenton - <https://www.trentonnj.org/542/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>
- **NJ211 Hotline**
 - The NJ Poison Control Center and 211 have partnered with the State to provide information to the Public on COVID-19:
 - Call: 2-1-1
 - Call (24/7): 1-800-962-1253 (call center for clinical questions)
 - Text: NJCOVID to 898-211
 - Text: your zip code to 898-211 for live text assistance
 - Web: <https://www.nj211.org/coronavirus-covid-19>
- **Mercer County Resources**
 - Coping with Social Distancing and Isolation - <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NJMERCER/bulletins/281aea6>
 - 'Register Ready' a Key Resource - <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NJMERCER/bulletins/2821fce>
- **State of NJ Suspends Evictions & Foreclosures**
 - <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/murphy-orders-evictions-foreclosures-to-stop-in-nj-during-coronavirus-outbreak.html>
- **Food Access**
 - Link to list of food resources, which is being updated constantly: <https://trentonhealthteam.org/tht-shares-food-pantry-covid-19-updates/>
 - Link to map of the above list, which will be updated regularly: <http://tvs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ad7f7ef0a53a4ad2aff2c04c60eda307>
 - Mercer Street Friends Info
 - Send Hunger Packing Weekend Meal bags
Our plan is to have 200 weekend meal bags (equipped for a family of four) at each of the 4 TPS designated sites amounting to 800 bags in total for Trenton students and their families. We will deliver the bags to each site and have Mercer Street Friends staff distribute those bags this Friday from 11am to 12:30pm, alongside Aramark. We will provide our weekend bags on a first come first served basis to all families seeking a bag. We will not be checking names against a SHUP list. In the weeks to come should demand grow we are prepared to supply more weekend bags and we are certainly open to adjustments to this plan.
 - Food Distribution

We are continuing to distribute to our food network/pantries on the same schedule and are working with them to accommodate their alternative arrangements. The majority of our partner agencies are distributing at the entrance of their sites, in the parking lots, or only allowing 3-5 people in their site at a time. All pantries are distributing pre-bagged commodities; no client choice for those few pantries who offered it until further notice. Shelters and TASK have also implemented necessary precautions and preventative protocols for residents and patrons.

■ **Request for Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9-12 and 1-4pm. Our message to volunteers is:

During this National Crisis, Mercer Street Friends Food Bank will continue to operate and meet the needs of our community. Our goal is to make the strongest impact possible by partnering with schools, pantries, government, and other non-profit entities. Yes, we are in need of volunteers and are making every effort to ensure your safety during this time. We currently have no reported or suspected cases within our agency, but we have adopted a few precautionary processes to help guide our daily operations:

1. We will adopt a prescreening form that should be returned to the agency prior to your arrival. Attached is the volunteer screening tool.
2. Deep cleaning of the Food Bank and a ramped-up daily cleaning is in process.
3. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to a wash station.
4. You will be provided with gloves (mandatory) and mask (if requested).
5. We are limiting the number of people so we can practice social distancing.
6. Alcohol sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
7. Follow all CDC protocols for disinfecting, cleaning and sanitizing.

In our efforts to maintain a cohesive and seamless process and maintain a safe space, please remember to contact Sherries Anderson. She can be reached at (609) 278-5546 or via email sanderson@mercerstreefriends.org for all scheduling concerns and/or changes.

● **Mother/Baby Contact & Breastfeeding**

- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/inpatient-obstetric-healthcare-guidance.html#anchor_1582067966715
- <https://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/breastfeeding-special-circumstances/maternal-or-infant-illnesses/covid-19-and-breastfeeding.html>

● **Mental Health**

- Resources from the WHO: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/mental-health-considerations.pdf?sfvrsn=6d3578af_4

● **NowPow Updates**

- <https://mailchi.mp/34a6348c653d/efgejlmbhd-4737005?e=cb69439a1b>
- Refreshers and trainings next week: Tuesday at 2pm, Thursday 10am. Reach out to Jessica for more info - jburnett@trentonhealthteam.org.

- **PSE&G**
 - <https://nj.pseg.com/newsroom/newsrelease138>
 - PSE&G is temporarily suspending shut-offs of electric or gas service to residential customers for non-payment. However they are highly encouraging individuals to call PSE&G 1-800-357-2262 to enter into a deferred payment arrangement. This is important so that when the policy reverts back to normal, individuals are not left with a high accumulated bill.
 - <https://nj.pseg.com/safetyandreliability/safetytips/coronavirus>
- **Trenton Free Public Library**
 - Please forward any information to post at The Trenton Free Public Library to director@trentonlib.org.
- **NJ Family Care**
 - <http://www.njfamilycare.org/default.aspx>
 - NJ Family Care is still operating and processing applications.